

Levingston, who Commands a Regiment of Dragoons at *Inverness*, who immediately dispatch'd 100 of his Men, under the Command of Capt. Hay, and another Captain, with Instructions to them, to March with what Diligence they could to the said Lord Olyphant's House, and when they came there, to see, and search if there were any Strangers in the House, and in case there were any considerable number of them, to secure them; but in case there were none but those of the Family in the House, not to make any further enquiry, or to disturb them.

This Party marched with that Diligence and Secrecy, that they came and surrounded the Lord Olyphant's House before he had any Suspicion or Notice of their marching that way; they found 10 or 12 Gentlemen, Strangers in the House, besides those of the Family, whom they presently secured; then they searched into a Closet, to see what Papers they could find, and amongst other things, they had the good Fortune to light upon the Original Bond of Association, with the Hands of about 400 Persons to it; some whereof were Heads of Clans, and other Heritors; many were such as were of desperate Fortunes, ruined in their Credit and Domestick Affairs, whom no Law could reach, and such like Circumstances. This Paper was immediately sent to the Privy Council, and from thence transmitted to His Majesty. The Privy Council upon so important a Discovery, has ordered Parties to go out and apprehend as many as they can of those Persons, who have Signed the said Association; whereof I hope to be able to give you some good Account by the next: Amongst other Matters, which I am told are contain'd in the Association, besides the general Expression, of Standing with their Lives and Fortunes by King James, and to endeavour the Settling of him on the Throne of Scotland; they engage and oblige themselves in particular, To appear with all the Men they can raise, and Interest they have in their respective Places of Abode, in June next, and join Coll. Gordon, and the rest of the Rebels now in Lochaber, and to furnish them with Victuals and necessary Provisions. The said Lord Olyphant, and all the Conspirators that were found at his House, are sent Prisoners under a strong Guard to Aberdeen. Besides the said Original Association, there were found other Treasonable Papers, which will not a little contribute towards the Discovery of the secret, as well as publick Enemies of the present Government.

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